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music director & conductor

**Wednesday, October 29, 2003**

## **“New World” Music**

7:15 pm - pre-concert talk    8:00 pm - concert

**Jane Mallett Theatre**  
**St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts**  
**27 Front Street East**

### **guest soloists**

**Marie-Danielle Parent (Canada), soprano**  
**Percussion soloists from Esprit Orchestra**

### **composers**

**R. Murray Schafer (Canada)**  
*Shadowman* (2000)  
for five percussion soloists & orchestra

**Denis Gougeon (Canada)**  
*Clere Venus* (2001)  
for soprano, digital audio & chamber ensemble

**Paul Steenhuisen (Canada)**  
*Pensacola* (2002)  
for orchestra, spatialized brass, soundfiles



**Saturday, January 31, 2004**

## Les idées fixes

7:15 pm - pre-concert talk    8:00 pm - concert

**MacMillan Theatre**  
**Edward Johnson Building**  
**80 Queen's Park**

guest soloist

**Robert Aitken (Canada), flute**

guest composer

**Mauricio Kagel**  
**Part of a Kagel mini-festival**  
**presented in collaboration with New Music Concerts**

composers

**Mauricio Kagel (Germany)**

*Das Konzert* (2001/2002)

for flute, harp, percussion & strings

**\*North American Premiere**

**Arvo Pärt (Estonia)**

*Cantus in Memory of Benjamin Britten* (1977/1980)

for string orchestra & bell

**John Rea (Canada)**

*Treppenmusik* (1982)

**Mauricio Kagel (Germany)**

*Les idées fixes* (1988/1989)

Rondo for orchestra

**\*Canadian Premiere**

**Saturday, April 3, 2004**

## Streamlined

**presented as part of**

***The Weekend New Wave Composers Festival***

(contact Esprit for details about special *Weekend* events open to the public)

7:15 pm - pre-concert talk    8:00 pm - concert

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guest soloist

**Christien Ledroit (Canada), electric guitar**

composers

**Rose Bolton (Canada)**

*Under Unturned Rocks* (2004)

**\*World Premiere of an Esprit commission**

**André Ristic (Canada)**

*Sublimation* (2004)

**\*World Premiere of an Esprit commission**

**Christien Ledroit (Canada)**

*Streamlined* (2002)

for chamber orchestra, electric guitar & digital audio

**\*World Premiere**

**Oliver Schneller (Germany)**

*Phantom Islands* (2000)

for 14 instruments & electronics

**\*Canadian Premiere**



**Sunday, May 2, 2004**

## Radio Waves (matinee)

**part of CBC Radio / Radio Netherlands Dutch Music Week**

1:00 pm - pre-concert talk    2:00 pm - concert

**Glenn Gould Studio**

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**250 Front Street West**

### guest soloists

**Tomoko Mukaiyama (Japan / The Netherlands), piano**

soprano TBA, tenor TBA

### composers

**Peter-Jan Wagemans (The Netherlands)**

*Eden's Gardener* (2002)

for piano & orchestra

**\*North American Premiere**

**Tristan Keuris (The Netherlands)**

*Sinfonia* (1974)

**\*Canadian Premiere**

**José Evangelista (Canada)**

*Symphony minute* (1994)

**Alexina Louie (Canada)**

*Prologue & Berceuse*

from the opera *The Scarlet Princess* (2002)

**Chris Paul Harman (Canada)**

*Axle* (1998/1999)

**\*an Esprit commission**

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# 21st season special events

## the weekend

### **New Wave Composers Festival**

This special event happens only once every two years in Canada and is unique in the world. In April 2004, Esprit hosts its second ever Weekend, a one-of-its-kind festival that brings together the finest up-and-coming composers under one roof for two days of cutting-edge music and activities. The New Wave Composers Festival is your chance to discover, meet, and experience the music of Canada's rising star composers in one activity-packed weekend! Be sure not to miss this exciting festival with concerts, orchestral readings (Canadian Music Centre, sponsor), public forum, open rehearsal, meet-the-composer sessions, dinner, film screenings, pre-concert talks, and more.

**Call: 416-815-7887 for details or 416-366-7723 for tickets.**

## toward a living art

### **education program for young people**

For the past 18 years, Canada's leader in the performance of new orchestral music has proudly presented a series of educational events and performances for young people. Thanks to the generous financial support of The SOCAN Foundation, the Harold Ballard Foundation, the Toronto Arts Council, the Ontario Arts Council, the Canada Council for the Arts, and The Trillium Foundation, students experience Esprit Orchestra's Toward a Living Art education events at no cost. Esprit Orchestra's Music Director, musicians and participating composers look forward to meeting many special young guests this season. For details and information about how you, or a young person you know, can enjoy an educational concert, workshop or lecture with Esprit this year, visit

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## in-your-space

### **community performances**

A special project backed by the Canada Council, In-Your-Space takes Esprit's musicians out of the concert halls and puts them into Toronto's galleries, libraries and other public spaces. It's your rare chance to attend a mini-concert, sample new music, experience the orchestra in non-typical formations and settings, and directly discuss the music and the orchestra's role in bringing it to the public. Chamber ensembles (trios, quartets, quintets) of Esprit musicians will appear at select locations to perform new music pieces, free of charge, and encourage Torontonians to attend a concert for the full experience of the complete orchestra in action. Composers will join the ensembles where possible. Call 416-815-7887 to discover how you can enjoy a free In-Your-Space performance this season. A Tour Map and schedule will be available... so you can follow the In-Your-Space concerts throughout the city.

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## about esprit Canada's new music orchestra

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Esprit Orchestra was formed in 1983 by Music Director/Conductor Alex Pauk to champion new music by Canadian composers, and bring new orchestral music to Canadians. Now in its 21st year, Esprit remains Canada's only full-sized orchestra devoted to new music. Each season, this innovative orchestra commissions, performs and promotes established as well as emerging Canadian composers in a 4-concert Subscription Series. Pauk and his highly-skilled Toronto-based orchestra of 45-members collaborate with Canada's most outstanding soloists and ensembles to bring audiences the spine-tingling performances they've come to expect. The orchestra further features Canadian premieres of music by leading International composers – Adams, Andriessen, Kurtág, Ligeti, Penderecki, Schnittke, Takemitsu, van der Aa, among many others. All Esprit concerts are recorded for broadcast by CBC Radio Two's *Two New Hours*, making the orchestra's distinctive music available to musical patrons worldwide. Under Pauk's experienced baton, Esprit with CBC Records has produced a selection of the highest quality compact discs featuring the music of Canada's most venerated 20th and 21st Century composers.

## about esprit's 2003.04 concerts

### Wednesday, October 29 "New World" Music

Schafer's *Shadowman* is a theatrical narrative contrasting the terror & beauty of percussion instruments; a drummer beats his way through life as the forces of light & darkness wrestle for his soul. Gougeon's *Clere Venus* explores 7 sonnets by Louise Labé (1524-1566), a front-runner in claiming literary stature for women. Steenhuisen's *Pensacola* transforms Michelangelo's poetry about sculpture into sound.

### Saturday, January 31 Les idées fixes

One of the world's most distinctive, provocative composers, Mauricio Kagel is on hand to illuminate performances of his works, *Les idées fixes* and *Das Konzert*. Kagel's personal, inventive aesthetic insightfully combines imagination, originality & humour. Rea's *Treppenmusik* and Pärt's *In Memory of Benjamin Britten* provide riveting counterpoints.

### Saturday, April 3 Streamlined

This focal point of Esprit's 2004 *Weekend New Wave Composers Festival* features music by Canada's rising star composers Ristic, Bolton and Ledroit and introduces German composer Schneller. Film/video screenings, orchestral readings, a speaker's forum & special events form *The Weekend*.

### Sunday, May 2 Radio Waves (matinee)

Part of *CBC Radio/Radio Netherlands Week of Dutch Music* – a celebration with Canada & Holland – Esprit performs Wagemans' charming, spontaneous *Eden's Gardener*, and Keuris' *Sinfonia*, one of his best, most-loved works, as well as pieces by Harman and Evangelista, and excerpts from Louie's opera *The Scarlet Princess*, an erotic ghost story.



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